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Letter dated 9 June 1997 from the Permanent Representative of the Netherlands to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to draw your attention to the statement issued on 5 June 1997 by the Presidency of the European Union concerning the signature of the political treaty between the Russian Federation and Ukraine (see annex).

I should be grateful if you would have the text of this letter and its annex circulated as a document of the General Assembly under item 82 of the preliminary list.

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ANNEX

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Declaration issued on 5 June 1997 by the Presidency of the European Union on the signature of the Russian-Ukrainian political treaty

The European Union welcomes the signing of the political treaty between the Russian Federation and Ukraine by President Yeltsin and President Kuchma at Kiev on 31 May 1997.

The Union is aware of the efforts undertaken by both countries to reach agreement on the numerous bilateral issues. The agreement testifies to the statesmanship of both presidents and Governments.

The Union considers this agreement and important step towards peace and stability on the European continent.

The Central and Eastern European countries associated with the European Union, Cyprus, Iceland and Norway align themselves with the present declaration.